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1. HAVE JUST SPENT ANOTHER HOUR AND A HALF WITH KOPF AND HILLGENBERG. WE HAVE HIT A SERIOUS SNAG. KOPF READ ME INSTRUCTIONS HE RECEIVED FROM BONN STATING THAT QUOTE IN ANY CASE THE TAKING OVER OF THE PROTECTING REPRESENTATION PRESUPPOSES THE AGREEMENT OF THE RECEIVING STATE (UGANDA), WHICH THE US EMBASSY SHOULD OBTAIN. THE FRG EMBASSY CAN COMMUNICATE ITS READINESS TO SERVE AS THE PROTECTING POWER AS SOON AS THE GOU'S ASSENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. UNQUOTE.

2. KOPF INSISTS THAT I OBTAIN THE GOU'S ASSENT TO THEIR SERVING AS PROTECTING POWER BEFORE HE WILL TAKE OVER FROM US. ALL MY ARGUMENTS WERE FUTILE. WITH THE SCENARIO WE HAD
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WORKED OUT, NAMELY, THAT I DELIVER MY NOTE LATE FRIDAY

AFTERNOON, THERE WOULD BE NO TIME TO RECEIVE THE GOU'S ASSENT PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE SATURDAY EVENING. I TOLD KOPF THAT I, AND ALL MY REMAINING STAFF MUST BE OUT OF UGANDA BY SATURDAY NIGHT, AND THERE IS NO LEEWAY IN THAT PLAN.

3. KOPF FURTHERMORE IS AFRAID OF ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING THE FRG TAKING OVER AS PROTECTING POWER AND SAYS IT IS IN OUR INTEREST AS WELL AS HIS THAT THERE BE NO SUCH PUBLICITY. HE WAS NOT CONVINCED BY MY ARGUMENT THAT ALL THE PUBLICITY WILL BE ABOUT OUR PULL-OUT AND HIS TAKING OVER WILL BE A MINOR DETAIL, EVEN IF IT IS MENTIONED. WE BOTH AGREED THAT THE LATER THE GOU IS INFORMED THE BETTER, FOR IT WOULD LIMIT THE PUBLICITY.

4. WE THEREFORE FIND OURSELVES IN A DILEMMA. IF I HAVE TO GET THE GOU'S ASSENT BEFORE I CAN TURN OVER TO KOPF, I WILL HAVE TO ADVISE THE GOU EARLIER THAN WE WANTED TO, OR WE RISK NOT OBTAINING THE ASSENT PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE. IF I DO ADVISE THEM EARLIER WE RUN THE RISKS OF HANGING AROUND HERE LONGER THAN WE WOULD LIKE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE GOU.

5. NEW SCENARIO WE FINALLY WORKED OUT TOGETHER WAS THAT I WOULD DELIVER MY NOTE ANNOUNCING OUR WITHDRAWAL EARLY FRIDAY MORNING. INSTEAD OF THE SENTENCE ABOUT OUR INTENTION TO ASK THE FRG TO SERVE AS PROTECTING POWER I WOULD SUBSTITUTE ONE SAYING THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD ADVISE THE MINISTRY, WITHOUT DELAY, OF ITS INTENTIONS REGARDING A PROTECTING POWER. FRIDAY AFTERNOON I WOULD DELIVER A SECOND NOTE STATING THAT THE USG WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FRG TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND PROPERTY IN UGANDA AND ASKING THE GOU'S CONCURRENCE TO THEIR SO SERVING. I WOULD ASK NTIMBA, OR WHOEVER RECEIVED THIS NOTE, TO PLEASE LET ME HAVE AT LEAST AN ORAL ANSWER BY SATURDAY NOON, TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THE MINISTRY. KOPF SAID THAT IF WE FOLLOWED THIS SCENARIO AND THE GOU HAD NOT GIVEN US AN ANSWER BY THE TIME I HAVE TO LEAVE, HE WOULD SEEK AUTHORIZATION FROM BONN TO TAKE OVER FROM ME "PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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VISIONALLY," THAT IS, PENDING ASSENT FROM THE GOU. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE CAN'T DO THAT ANYWAY, BUT HE IS SO AFRAID OF PUBLICITY THAT HE IS NOW EVEN UNWILLING TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO BONN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

6. I AM NOT AFRAID, IN FACT I AM ABOUT FED UP. REQUEST THAT WEN COOTE, AF/E, TELEPHONE ME AT MY HOME, 58627, BETWEEN 6 AND 7 P.M. KAMPALA TIME TODAY, NOV. 7.

AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THERE ARE NO SECRETS THAT ARE
WORTH KEEPING FROM THE GOU AT THIS POINT, BUT I PROMISED
KOPF THAT I WOULD REFER TO HIM AND HIS EMBASSY AND HIS
GOVERNMENT AS THE "OTHER PARTY."

7. IF COUNTERMANDING INSTRUCTIONS COULD BE SENT TO
KOPF FROM BONN IT WOULD HELP A LOT, BUT
DON'T SAY I SUGGESTED IT.
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